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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 1-10 with the following amended paragraph:

After the remote object call 54 has been invoked, the remote system 42 may then proceed to perform remote execution of the command. Invoking a call to the object interface 56 on the remote system 42 may result in a work item 60 being queued to a thread pool 64 (e.g., via Windows NT 5 thread pool APIs) thereby enabling the call to return at once. The work item 60 may then be processed by a thread 68 from the thread pool 60 64. The object 52 with the requested identification parameter (e.g., specified in line a above) may then be instantiated by the thread 60 68 and queued for execution 70 via a work interface described below. The input argument (e.g., specified in line d above) may also be passed to the thread 60 68 for object execution. Below is an exemplary work interface for executing the remote object 52 in accordance with the present invention.

work interface (e.g.,) IClusterWork

{

HRESULT Execute( [in] BSTR bstrInputArg,  
[out] BSTR \*pbstrOutputArg );

};